



# World Geography

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## Quick Tips

ABC-CLIO Schools' *World Geography* database develops students' global literacy, focusing on the geographic, political, social, economic, and cultural forces that influence our world.

The lessons and activities are organized by country around a collection of over 20,000 primary and secondary sources relating to world geography. Students can perform advanced searches, subject searches, and world map searches, and they can make demographic comparisons between countries. Responsive to curricular demands, *World Geography* offers students an instant connection to the farthest corners of the world.

## Overview of World Geography



On the homepage you'll find special features, including "World News" and "Feature Story" articles that provide you with detailed information on a particular topic in world geography.

In the vertical toolbar on the left-hand side you'll see links to Topic Explorations and Advanced Search, along with tools including Ask the Cybrarian—a special feature that allows you to submit a question to an ABC-CLIO Schools editor—and research lists. If your teacher has created a list of resources for you to review, this is where you'll find them.

## Using Site Search

You'll also find the following search options:

- Site Search is the best for quick searches on one or two keywords
- Advanced Search narrows your search down to a specific time period or category
- Subject Search allows users to search the website's resources by a set of preselected keywords
- World Map search allows users to navigate through the website's reference content by clicking on a particular region and then on a country within that region.



Located at the top left of every screen, Site Search offers a quick text search of all content areas of the database.

Searches look for all words entered.

- Use a comma to separate multiple search terms  
Example: Iraq, elections
- Use "or" to find either word  
Example: Iraq or Iran
- Use "-" to exclude a word  
Example: Middle East, - Iraq
- For an exact phrase, enclose in quotation marks  
Example: "Middle East"

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# Using Advanced Search

- Get instant access to thousands of reference resources by choosing one or a combination of criteria, then clicking on the Search button
- To narrow a search, select a specific topic or subtopic from the list on the right
- Enter any relevant key words into the text box, following the same guidelines as when using a basic search
- To further narrow a search by type of resource, select a category (or categories) from the Reference list (in blue)
- The categories include biographies, audio clips, overview essays, and primary source documents
- The red Additional Resource list offers an archive of topic explorations as well as the feature stories found on the home page



## Search Results

- Whether you use a basic, advanced, or subject search, your results will be returned in an identical format
- All search results will be sorted into categories. Each category provides different resources for use in your research
- For example, when using the keyword Middle East
  - If you want to learn about current news stories involving the area, you should choose the News category
  - If you are interested in general information about a particular country, choose the Overview category
  - Additional resources, including topic explorations and feature articles can be found in the shaded boxes at the bottom of the page

## Using World Map Search

- Clicking on a country name brings up the country's profile (including all reference material related to that particular country, organized by category)
- This feature is helpful for users unfamiliar with countries in a certain region, or for any user interested in exploring world regions.
- The World Map includes a link to the Web site's International Perspective section which can provide you with an overview of important global issues



## Using Subject Search



- The Subject Search allows users to search the website's biographies, documents, news, and organizations by a set of preselected subject keywords (e.g., human rights, economic policy, famine)
- As in Advanced Search, the user can also search by country and category, or a combination of these elements
- Choose one subject and one country from each list, then hit search